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FROM : Services Officer

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The following is the present status of the space situation:

1. Recreational Building and Temporary "K" have been assigned to CIA informally. Formal assignment will be made when new permits have been issued by the Department of Interior to Public Buildings Administration, transferring the use of the land on which these buildings are constructed to PBA, and Housing and Home Finance Agency has transferred custody of the buildings themselves to PBA.

2. Discussions have been held with representatives of PBA regarding alterations in Temporary "K", Barton Hall (as requested by the Department of National Defense) and the Recreational Building. It has been roughly estimated that total repairs and renovations will cost approximately \$250,000 and a working fund will be established in PBA in this amount to cover the work in these three buildings. PBA is forwarding a letter setting forth their estimate. Plans have not yet been submitted by the Department of National Defense for Barton Hall but it is expected that this will be done in a few days. Plans and specifications are now in the process of preparation for the Recreational Building and it is expected that a contract will be awarded sometime next week to a private contractor to perform the entire job. No action has been taken in connection with the repairs and renovations in Temporary "K" as required by CIA.

3. Mr. Henry Dement of the Interdepartmental Space Board of the Department of National Defense proposed to [] that CIA release 25X1A and vacate 16,500 square feet of office space in [] 25X1A in exchange for an equivalent amount of space in Barton Hall. [] 25X1A at that time advised Mr. Dement that Barton Hall would not be suitable for cartographic activities and the space was rejected on that basis. A counter proposal was made by [] for Building 18 on the Old Naval 25X1A Hospital Grounds. This proposal was later rejected within CIA and this information was communicated to Mr. Dement. Mr. Dement had proposed that if the exchange was made, he could make available approximately 4500 square feet immediately in Temporary "K". Now that the proposal has been rejected Mr. Dement has indicated that this space can^{not} be made available to CIA due to the fact that the space will be required by Navy for the purpose of 25X1A moving certain activities from the [] into the space which activities will later be moved into Barton Hall. Mr. Dement has indicated to [] that he intends to appeal the decision to PBA. [] has discussed the matter with Mr. Ziernicki and it is believed that the appeal will be futile.

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